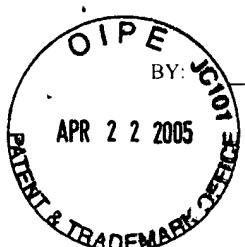


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: Appln. No.: 09/719,526 : Examiner: Jonathan Crepeau  
: Filing Date: December 13, 2000 : Attorney Docket No.: 10059-368US(P20815-01)  
: Title: POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELL

**AFTER FINAL REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

This is a request under 37 CFR 1.114 for continued examination (RCE) of the above identified application in response to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2004 (Paper No. 20040811). Enclosed are the following in support of the RCE under 37 C.F.R. 1.114:

[ ] Enter the unentered Amendment previously filed on &@ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the above application.

[X] An Amendment.

[ ] An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08A and cited references.

## [ ] New formal drawings.

[X] A Petition for Extension of Time to April 20, 2005 for the pending application.

[X] Other: Declaration of Kazuhito Hato Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132.

The following fees are enclosed:

[X] RCE fee of \$790.00 required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e).

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[X] Firm check totaling \$1,240.00 is enclosed herewith.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 210059.0368) as noted below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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[X] In the event that a Petition for Extension of Time is required, but not enclosed, please charge any extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to our Deposit Account noted above.

Respectfully submitted,

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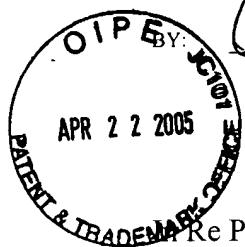
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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE REQUEST**

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 16, 2004 (Paper No. 20040811). A timely Notice of Appeal with a Petition for Extension of Time (one month) was filed on December 16, 2004 (received by the Patent Office on December 20, 2004). This Amendment is being timely filed in lieu of an Appeal Brief by April 20, 2005 in view of the submission herewith of a Petition for Extension of Time (two months). Moreover, the finality of the Office Action dated August 16, 2004 is being withdrawn by the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows: